

DUAL-USE LOCK WHOSE UNLOCKING NUMERAL
COMBINATION CAN BE TRACED AFTER HAVING BEEN
FORGOTTEN

5 ABSTRACT

A dual-use lock includes a toothed male member, a female member,
a spindle for connecting the male member to the female member, several
dials around the spindle, and an auxiliary lock; each dial has numerals
10 thereon, and has a dish turnable together with it; the male member can
separate from the spindle when the dials are turned to unlocking
orientation, but it can't after the dials are turned away from the
unlocking orientation; the auxiliary lock is fitted to the female member
for releaseably securing the spindle to the female member, and can be
15 operated with a key; thus, an object locked with the dual-use lock can be
released even if unlocking combination of the dials has been forgotten;
the tooth dishes are made such that the combination can be traced with
the help of a probe after separation of the spindle from the female
member.

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